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Wisconsin Works Transitions (W-2T) Work Group Strategies
April 11, 2005

FOCUS AREA	PROJECTS	LEAD	DUE	STATUS
Coordination with SSA	Partnering with SSA to shorten approval timeframe	Coordination with SSA Work Group	June 1, 2005	Information about SSA process gathered by 11/26/04. Work group developing fact sheets, charts, desk aids, description of process, tips, and best practices to be shared through training events.
	Working with SSI/SSDI Advocates	Coordination with SSA Work Group	June 1, 2005	Information about SSA process gathered by 11/26/04. Work group developing fact sheets, charts, desk aids, description of process, tips, and best practices to be shared through training events.
	Understanding SSI/SSDI rules and regulations	Coordination with SSA Work Group	May 1, 2005	Disability determination process power point presented by DHFS staff at four W-2 Supervisor/ Manager Regional Meetings. Power Point presentation being updated to use as a distance learning tool.
	Developing better ways to communicate with SSA	Coordination with SSA Work Group	March 1, 2005	Information about SSA process gathered by 11/26/04. Work group developing fact sheets, charts, desk aids, description of process, tips, and best practices to be shared through training events.
	Developing a statewide unit to represent W-2 Participants apply and obtain SSI.	Coordination with SSA Work Group	May 1, 2005	Prepare an issue paper purposing that DWD contract to establish a statewide disability unit that assist W-2 participants in applying and obtaining SSI.

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Medical Profession Cooperation & Education	Provide education on W-2 program to Medical Providers.	Medical Profession Work Group	May 1, 2005	Develop an issue paper recommending that DWS create an avenue where medical professionals can become more educated on the W-2 program. Paper will provide examples of possible communication tools. Develop and issue paper recommending that DWS provide cost information about medical providers. Develop an issue paper recommending that DWS provide training to FEPs on how to more effectively and completely use assessment related information for W-2 placements, assigning activities, and accommodations.
	Provide better information about medical providers.	Medical Profession Work Group	May 1, 2005	
	Provide better communication on formal assessments. Include determine appropriate placement after surgery.	Medical Profession Work Group	May 1, 2005	
	Develop guidelines on how to successfully work with the medical community when requesting medical information. Include ideas for new W-2T work site options.	Medical Profession Work Group	May 1, 2005	Develop an issue paper recommending that DWS solicit best practices from all W-2 Agencies on how to obtain valuable information from professionals and create an on-line tool for best practices and forms can be accessed by W-2 Agencies.
	Provide better communication with other State partners.	Medical Profession Work Group	May 1, 2005	Develop and issue paper recommending that DWS initiate collaboration between DHFS & DWD to improve communications with the Medicaid providers.

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Coordination with DVR	Understanding the DVR and W-2 policy and process.	Coordination with DVR Work Group	June 1, 2005	Gathered Information about the DVR and W-2 process. Gathering feedback from W-2 providers, DVR staff, and policy staff on content. Recommendations include adding timeframes. Completed document will be distributed to DVR and W-2 Agencies.
	Understanding the Functional Assessment model and where to find quality resources.	Coordination with DVR Work Group	June 1, 2005	<p>DVR is assigning a liaison for each WDA to share information with W-2 agencies on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Vendors that DVR uses for specific types of assessments. 2) What to ask for in medical and disability assessments. 3) Fees that VR pays their providers in the WDA. <p>DVR will develop a contact list on the intra-web to allow for updating. DWS will consider sending an Operations Memo to W-2 agencies advising them on the contact list.</p>

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	Create tools to facilitate communication and coordination with W-2 and DVR.	Coordination with DVR Work Group	June 1, 2005	<p>Workgroup recommended a MOU should be developed by DVR and DWS using the DVR/BPI MOU as a model. DVR has assigned a staff person to work on the MOU. DVR Administrator will contact the DWS Administrator about the benefits of a MOU for “shared consumers”.</p> <p>Recommend department wide access to training announcements and web-based listings of training resources that address the special needs population.</p> <p>Workgroup will do outreach to W-2 Regional meetings to share information on resources DVR uses, DVR process poster, and a Disability Handbook guide.</p>
Policy	W-2T Two Tracks Issue Paper	Policy Work Group	February 1, 2005	Concept Paper submitted to DWS Management and Policy staff as a recommendation for the 2006-2007 W-2 Contract.
	Policy for Working With Conflicting Medical Information Issue Paper	Policy Work Group	June 1, 2005	Issue Paper submitted to DWS Management for review. If approved recommend DWS write an Operations Memo to clarify the process for working with conflicting medical information.

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Policy	Eliminate W-2 T participants from the literacy and numeracy performance standard denominator when they are granted SSI	Policy Work Group	January 1, 2005	Completed. Effective January 1, 2005, W-2T participants will be eliminated from the literacy and numeracy performance standard denominator when they are granted SSI.
	Obtain recommendations for performance standards for the 2006-2007 W-2 Contract.	Policy Work Group	April 1, 2005	A final document detailing performance standards recommendations for the 2006-2007 contract was submitted to DWS administration and policy on March 30, 2005.